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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Military and Veteran Affairs

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Tuesday, November 28, 2017

12:00 Noon

Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Jason Wentworth, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones. (13/13)**  
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of October 24, 2017, as printed.

**Representative Albert moved to adopt the minutes of October 24, 2017, as printed.**  
**There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 4380 and 4381.

**HB 4380 (Bizon)** Recreation; state parks; waiver of passport recreational fees; provide in vehicle code for totally disabled veterans without special registration plates.

**HB 4381 (Wentworth)** Recreation; state parks; waiver of passport recreational fees; provide in natural resources and environmental protection act for totally disabled veterans without special registration plates.

Representative Graves, Majority Vice-Chair took the gavel.

Representative Bizon, the bill sponsor for House Bill 4380, and Chairman Wentworth, the bill sponsor for House Bill 4381, explained their bills.

Representative Graves turned over the gavel to the Chair

David Richmond, representing the Secretary of State's Office, submitted a testimony card stating the department is neutral on the House Bill 4380, and is working with the sponsor on amendments.

Trevor J. VanDyke, J.D., Director of the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, expressed the department's concerns and responded to questions.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Jack G. Devine, Legislative Director for the Vietnam Veterans of America Michigan State Council;

Steven A. Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs,

Phil Yeiter, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency; and  
Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan.

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At 12:13 p.m., the Chair went at ease at the call of the Chair.

At 12:24 p.m., the Chair reconvened the committee.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 4701.

**HB 4701 (Hughes)** Businesses; limited liability companies; certain fees under Michigan limited liability company act; waive for certain veterans.

**Representative Barrett moved to report House Bill 4701 without amendment and with recommendation that the bill pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (13/13)**

**Nays: None. (0/13)**

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Jack G. Devine, Legislative Director for the Vietnam Veterans of America Michigan State Council;

Steven A. Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs,

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Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan.

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There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Barrett moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:26 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Jason Wentworth, Chair

House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee